Promotion of Inter-Regional Trade

†1653. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to grant more relaxations to promote inter-regional trade;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof, and by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exports from NER

1654. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of items exported from NER during the Ninth Five Year Plan alongwith the amount of foreign exchange earned through export of those items; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the exports and the details of incentives being given to exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) The major items being exported from North-East include tea, cotton, jute, pineapple products, medicinal herbs, broomstick, grass, tejpatta, orchids, limestone, coal, tea processing machinery, handloom textiles, woollen carpets, cane and bamboo works. The Government does not maintain the account of foreign exchange earned through exports of these items State-wise.

(b) Double weightage is provided to the exports from the North-Eastern Region for fulfilling export obligation under the Export

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